Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 02 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Thursday 03 Mar 2022

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 01 Mar 2022 at 14:53 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for settled conditions breaking down through Wednesday, but medium for details of rain/snow and hill fog from Wednesday evening through to Friday. High again for more settled conditions into the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 02 Mar 2022: Dry, bright and turning windy. Thickening cloud brings rain and sleet later.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 02 Mar 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Clear night	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Sleet	Sleet
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	30%	50%	60%	60%

Forecast for Wednesday 02 Mar 2022

Weather: A mainly dry, sunny but windy day with very little cloud through the morning. However, cloud will start to thicken for Skye, Torridon and other southern hills through early afternoon, with outbreaks of rain and sleet, and occasional hill fog by late-afternoon. Best conditions through the afternoon will be in the northern hills, including Ben Hope and Ben More, where rain and sleet will not move in until the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% or greater in the morning and northern hills through the afternoon. Lowering 50% as cloud and rain move in later.

Low cloud and visibility: Very good through the morning will few amounts of cloud. Similar for northern hills through the afternoon, but visibility lowering moderate in rain and sleet, and very poor in hill fog, where cloud bases will lower 400-700 m at times.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	16/19 SE	13/16 SE	17/21 E	26/32 SE	28/37 SE	26/36 SE	30/39 SE	35/45 SE	33/43 SE
900	13/17 SE	11/14 SE	16/20 E	23/29 SE	24/32 SE	24/33 SE	25/35 SE	31/41 SE	29/39 SE
600	9/12 SE	7/10 SE	10/15 SE	14/20 SE	20/29 SE	20/29 SE	21/30 SE	23/33 SE	21/32 SE
300	4/10 E	3/9 E	6/13 E	6/17 E	5/22 E	6/25 E	6/25 E	9/31 SE	9/31 SE
Glen	5/8 E	6/9 E	9/13 E	9/15 E	12/21 E	12/24 E	14/28 SE	16/31 SE	16/31 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-8	-2/-7	-2/-8	-1/-8	-0/-8	-0/-8	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10
900	-2/-7	-1/-6	-1/-7	-0/-7	0/-6	0/-7	-1/-8	-1/-9	-0/-8
600	0/-4	0/-3	1/-4	2/-3	4/-2	3/-2	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4
300	1/-1	0/-2	-0/-3	1/-2	5/3	6/4	4/2	4/1	4/1
Glen	4/1	3/1	3/-0	4/1	8/5	9/6	7/4	7/3	7/3
Freezing Level*	400m	300m	300m	300m	500m	700m	900m	1300m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Severe wind chill with warm clothing essential.

Forecast for Thursday 03 Mar 2022

Weather: Outbreaks of rain and hill snow continuing into and for much of Thursday, with very damp conditions and occasional hill fog, especially through the morning. Perhaps turning drier and brighter through the afternoon. Strong to gale southeasterly summit winds at first, easing through the day and becoming southerly to southwesterly.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 30-40 mph gusting 40-50 mph through early hours and at the start of Thursday, but easing slowly through the day.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%.

Low cloud and visibility: Moderate in outbreaks of rain. Very poor in occasional hill fog with cloud bases 300-500 m, lowering to 250 m at times. Cloud bases possibly breaking lifting at times through the afternoon to bases 500-700 m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius rising to plus 6 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: Near summits lowering to 1000 m.

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